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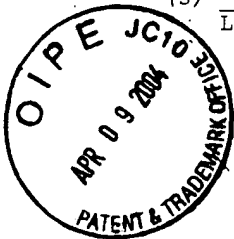
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of the time for response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2003. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this petition.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ORT-1508/LSE for the \$950.00 extension fee. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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